

EJ Summit

Friday, October 20th

Moderator – *Henry Lancaster*, former Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs for NC DENR.

- He'll provide our bio.
- 5:15 Four community people come to the mike and share concerns: duplin, bladen, pender, Sampson
- 5:45 We have 3 minutes to respond. Share what my role is to address issues, share something about my work community would want to know.
- 6:15 Q&A with community members and panelists
- 6:30 Mingling

Talking Points (3 minutes)

- Express appreciation for the community members' prior comments
- Explain my role
 - Policy advisor. Advise Gov on energy, environment, transportation issues.
- Public opinion—support and concern—is an important factor in the Governor's decision making
- To that end, part of my job to
 - Be aware of issues that are important to you
 - Understand why issues are important to you and other constituents
 - Digest information and relay your concerns/experiences internally
 - Connect you with departments so that they can hear your concerns first hand and share critical information with you
- Ways I engage with stakeholders
 - Phone calls and meetings with community members, organizations, and businesses
 - Receive letters from constituents and organizations on various topics
 - Join meetings with departments and stakeholders on specific topics
 - Public forums
- I have met some of you but want to have an ongoing dialogue. Feel free to reach out to me.

Potential Q&A Topics

CAFOS

- It's helpful to hear your concerns.
- Governor vetoed the private nuisance bill. Legislature overrode the veto.
 - Law caps damage awards in nuisance lawsuits involving hog farms at the reduction in FMV of the property affected or the fair rental value
 - Gov Statement: "The agriculture and forestry industries are vital to our economy and we should encourage them to thrive. But nuisance laws can be used to protect property

rights and make changes for good. We used nuisance laws to force the Tennessee Valley Authority to stop air pollution from flowing into North Carolina and we won damages to improve air quality. Special protection for one industry opens the door to weakening our nuisance laws in other areas which can allow real harm to homeowners, the environment and everyday North Carolinians."

GenX

- Governor actions
 - directed an investigation into the GenX situation
 - directed HHS and DEQ to look at
 - how to stop discharge of GenX
 - current concentration levels
 - health risk
 - historic exposure and impacts
 - legal remedies
 - how to address the larger issues of emerging contaminants
 - talked with federal leadership at CDC and EPA to secure their support
 - reconstituted the SAB, a board of scientific experts

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- DEQ and other departments are reviewing state permit applications and ensuring they have all information needed to evaluate the applications against permit criteria established by federal and state law.
- I have heard many concerns by community members and relayed them to the Governor, including concerns about lower property values, explosions, air pollution, minimal job creation, noise from the proposed compressor station, etc.